

MSR Summer Camp – Personal Packing List

Necessary Items

Clothing:

Scout uniform as required by your unit
Troop t-shirts or other Scout appropriate short sleeve shirts
Long pants
Shorts
Swim trunks
Underwear for a week
Socks for a week (and extras if they get wet!)
Sleeping clothes
Rain gear (rain jacket/pants/poncho, etc.)
Hiking boots
Closed toed shoes
Sweater/jacket for cool mornings
Hat with a brim for sun protection

Equipment:

Sleeping Bag & pillow
Backpack
Water bottle
Flashlight w/ extra batteries
Rain jacket
Scout handbook for recording rank advancement
Spending money for trading posts
Toiletries
Dental Hygiene
Soap/Shampoo for showers
Towels for showering and/or swimming
Hair care
Sunscreen
Sunglasses
Mosquito repellant
First Aid Kit

Optional Items

Camera
Compass

Fishing Equipment
Pocket knife

Check out the closest BSA Scout Shop to purchase items you need – tax-free! Contact the Northeast Illinois Scout Shop to see what items are in stock or can be ordered (ask about shipping them to you). For store hours and more information, go to <https://neic.ihubapp.org/posts/34212/scout-shop>.

Unit items

- In addition to your freshly stocked first aid kit, you may wish to bring additional camping gear that makes your unit's experience more meaningful. If you travel by bus, keep in mind that baggage space is limited.

Leader Items

An adult would need items from the above list, with certain exceptions. The list of equipment below may help make your stay at camp more comfortable:

- Tent (w/screens and windows). The camp will furnish adults with a wall tent and cot, if needed or desired (unless your unit is in a "plat-less" campsite).
- Propane or white gas stove: Great for early morning and late evening coffee
- Propane or white gas lantern to brighten your campsite at night
- Lockbox: To give added security for troop funds and other valuables
- We encourage you to bring troop gear for patrol cooking since many prefer their own. Contact your camp director at least three weeks in advance about any equipment needed, so we can do our best to accommodate you.

What Not to Bring to Camp (Leave at home)

- Firewood – we have plenty of firewood and brush that can be collected from the forest near your campsite
- Items prohibited by Scouting America policy: Fireworks, sheath knives, firearms of any kind, pets, etc.
- Items prohibited by your unit's leadership
- Electronic items (consult your troop policy for specifics)
- Items of significant monetary or sentimental value
- If you are unsure whether something is appropriate to take to camp, don't bring it.

These things distract from the Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation experience. Leave them at home!

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